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1. JUDGING BY THE PARALLEL EVOLUTION OF THE POLISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS VIETNAM, WE HERE FULLY SHARE EMBASSY SAIGON'S ESTIMATE OF THE CHANGE IN NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPECTATIONS (PARAGRAPH 5, REFTEL).

2. EMBASSY SAIGON IS CORRECT IN ITS CONCLUSION THAT AN APPROACH, SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL, WOULD SIMPLY REINFORCE THE TENDENCY OF THE POLES TO SEEK WAYS TO EXTRICATE THEMSELVES FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS, IF THEY COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH US. FAILING TO SQUARE THIS PARTICULAR CIRCLE, THE POLES WOULD BE LIKELY FURTHER TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF
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3. A REDUCTION IN THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION WOULD SURELY SOONER OR LATER RESULT IN FURTHER WITHDRAWALS OF FIELD TEAMS.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBASSY SAIGON'S RECOMMENDATION THAT SOME NEW APPROACH BE FOUND TO THE FINANCING PROBLEM. WE CAN--AND, NO DOUBT, SHOULD--CONTINUE TO URGE THE POLES TO PRESS THE DRV AND PRG TO PAY UP. REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE OF THIS PRESSURE THE POLES PASS ON TO THEIR NORTH VIETNAMESE FRIENDS, THIS APPROACH IS UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED IF, AS EMBASSY SAIGON CONCLUDES, THE DRV IS INTENT UPON SABOTAGING THE ENTIRE ICCS OPERATION.
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